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My Father.

Who has not read with the gushing pleasure of youth the sweet and natural lines that awarded so much credit to "My Mother" for her vigilent care, her tender emotion, and her love-ly maternal anxiety? That poem threw so much into the mother's scale that "My Father" quite passed into insignificance in the household. Compared with the dear mother who did so much, it seemed impossible that "My Father' could do anything.

At last we have a champion of "My Father." The name of this humanitarian is John Pauli. e., this is his nom de plume, and he evidently plumes his wing to some purpose as a kuight errant in redressing grievances and righting wrongs.

One thing has always seemed strange to me, by the way—that all the sentiment of song should be treacled out upon "Mam," and not one bit of sugar for "Dad." I don't object to a good deal being done in a praiseful way for "Mother," but I agree with the impartial critic who remarked that the old gentleman ought to have a show occasionally. Be mine the task to put in a lyric word for "the old man." I contribute these verses to literature not to show that I can do one thing as well as another, turn off a poem as easily as an agricultural essay; not with any intention to snatch the wreaths from Bryant's brow, or rob Longfellow of his laurels (though if critics will draw comparisons, hold me not to blame if they turn in my favor; but I simply sling these verses at your head, good reader, in a feeble endeavor to do justice to a much neglected body of our fellow-citizens:

MY FATHER. Who hailed me first with rapturous joy. And did not fret and feel annoy When the nurse said: Why! she's a boy? My Father.

Who gave that nurse a half a crown, To let him hold me-awkward clown, Of course he held me upside down? My Father.

Who ne'er to cut my hair did try-Jobbing the scissors in my eye, And cutting every hair awry? My Father.

Who set me in the barber's chair Instead, and had him cut my hair Like my big brother's, good and square? My Father.

Who when I had a little fight Because Tom tore my paper kite And bit me, said I did just right? My Father.

Who when Tom licked me black and blue Did not turn in and lick me, too-Saying "Tis my duty so to do?" My Father.

Who told me pluck and luck must win, And taugh me to "put up a fin," Till I could trounce that Tom like sin?

My Father. Who pennies ne'er refused to plank, Nor dropped them in that mimic "Bank,"

Where I could only hear them clank? My Father. Who when I wished to buy a toy

Ne'er thought 'twould give me much more joy To send tracks to some heathen boy? My Father. Who bought me ponies, guns and sich,

And gave me leave to fork and pitch, While he raked up to make me rich? My Father.

And w ho at last, when all was done, Passed in his checks, and, noble one, Left all he in d to me, his son?

JOHN PAUL. My Father.

An Impe, ial Betrothal. The London Daily 1 legraph of July, 12th says: - 'It is pleasant who 'u the scent of orange blossoms is wafted over the so we what flowerless fields of politics; and such is the ease this morning. We are enabled to announce the fact that a marriage has been arranged bet een His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and the Grand Duchess Maria Alexandrowns, only daughter of the Czar of Russia. This telligence will be received by the whole English nation with general satisfaction; for to the patural sympathy which all weddings awaken is here added the exalted fortunes of the betrothed pair and the interest attaching to the land and lineage of the bride. Between the people of this country and the royal family of these realms there exists a very close and exceptional sympathy. As was shown on the ococcasion of the Prince of Wales' illness, the personal fortunes of the members of the reigning dynasty come home very closely to English hearts, and we may say, without exaggeration, that the marriage of any one of our royal princes or princesses excites much the same interest throughout the length and creadth of our world wide empire as would be caused to any private household by a like event affecting one of its inmates. As our sailor prince as a member of the profession which all Englishmen love and honor-the Duke of Edinburgh has a special hold on our natural affections. With us there is old fashioned prejudice in favor of young men assuming the duties of married lite, and becoming heads of

families while still in their full vigor and prime. The late President Lincoln expressed a genuine Anglo-Saxon sentiment when, on receiving from Lord Lyons the official announcement of the Prince of Wales' marriage, he rejoined with the genial remark, "Go thou and do like-wise." The Duke of Edinburgh is now within a few months of entering his thirtieth year; the Princess whose hand is about to be conferred upon him, is some ten years his junior, and is reported to be possessed of great personal attractions and intelligence. The approaching union, it may be fairly said, offers every cess, we are given to understand, will retain the faith—that of the Orthodox Greek Church—in which she has been born and bred; but the children of the royal pair, if their union should be blessed with offspring, will, it is stated, be brought up in the Protestant creed of this country.

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